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Subject: I am shocked and appalled at the Justice Department's failure.

To whom it may concern:

I have worked at Microsoft, both as an employee and a contractor. Since then, I have worked as a software tester for many companies, including Compuserve (Sprynet) and Amazon.com. Throughout the last fifteen years, I have studied the computer industry, the internet and the communications industry.

I have seen how effectively and relentlessly Microsoft takes advantage of every opportunity to control markets, leverage products, strongarm suppliers, OEMs and ISVs. I happen to know that Microsoft has sold products at a loss in order to flood markets with their product and lose money in order to gain strategic market share. They are a proven monopolist.

It is dispicable that you have caved into pressure from Microsoft and the Bush government and made a deal that harms competitors and harms consumers.

I work on Linux and volunteer a vast amount of my time in an attempt to help Linux become a viable desktop alternative to Microsoft Windows and Office. Microsoft's strangle hold on the industry is so absolute that in one way or another everyone's choices and opportunities are constrained by Microsoft's dominion.

How can you bear to look yourselves in the mirror in the morning?

Miles